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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S QUERY RE MESSAGE TO ASAD

1. TODAY'S EGYPTIAN PRESS CARRIES NEWS AGENCY REPORT, DATELINED WASHINGTON AND ATTRIBUTED TO ISRAELI SOURCES, THAT PRESIDENT FORD SENT A MESSAGE LAST MONTH TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD INFORMING THE LATTER THAT ISRAEL HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA FOR A SECOND GOLAN WITHDRAWAL. NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA WOULD REPORTEDLY BEGIN AFTER THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI IS COMPLETED.

2. IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY, FAHMY, WHO WAS CLEARLY AWARE OF THESE REPORTS, ASKED IF PRESIDENT FORD HAD IN FACT RECENTLY SENT A MESSAGE TO ASAD. IF SO, HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT SADAT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ITS CONTENTS. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT ANY SUCH MESSAGE, BUT UNDERTOOK TO INQUIRE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION I CAN GIVE FAHMY ABOUT ABOVE REPORT.
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